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Minister deputed a five member team. After the visit the team apprised Prime Minister of the situation, and suggested steps to improve the security situation.

(c) Islamic outfits operating in J&K keep trying to create a communal divide by resorting to in-group killings of members of minority communities and thereby creating an atmosphere of fear with the aim to ethnic cleansing and forcing their exodus. To prevent it, the State Government has taken various preventive/confidence-building measures which *inter-alia* include:

- (i) Strengthening the Village Defence Committee system by providing them Training and improved weaponry and communication equipment.
- (ii) Strengthening the security grid around the minority inhabited villages.
- (iii) Increased frequency of patrolling by security forces of sensitive and vulnerable areas.
- (iv) Visits by State Government and security force officers to remote and minority villages.

After the incidents of Mehjoor Nagar, the State Government had further reviewed the security arrangements for minorities and remote and scattered populations. In addition there is a constant monitoring of the security situation by the respective Unified Headquarters level at Jammu & Srinagar as well as in Operations groups at various lower levels with a view to dynamic deployment and adoption of strategies by the security forces to meet the various challenges being thrown up by the terrorists. Government of India continues to provide support to the State Government and the security forces in their efforts.

Modernisation of Police in States

1199. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government provide grants for modernisation of Police in States;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of such grants provided during each of the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that grants given to Bihar is much less in comparison to other States;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) how Government propose to compensate the Bihar Government in order to bring it at par with other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of funds provided during each of the last three years; State-wise are given in the statement (See below).

(c) to (e) No, Sir. The grant given to the Government of Bihar is in keeping with the criteria laid down under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces.

Statement

Funds released during last three financial years, i.e. 1997-98, 1998-99 & 1999-2000 under Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces.

<i>(Rs. in lakh)</i>				
Name of State	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	Grand Total
Andhra Pradesh	1209.560	709.560	354.780	2273.900
Arunachal	96.270	23.135	177.100	295.505
Assam	47.715	47.715	47.715	143.145
Bihar	783.120	633.120	508.530	1924.770
Goa	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gujarat	150.180	75.090	570.300	795.570
Haryana	71.710	71.710	319.520	462.940
Himachal Pradesh	20.345	100.000	437.820	558.165
J&K	81.540	581.540	40.770	703.850
Karnataka	200.800	250.800	621.300	1072.900
Kerala	113.990	Nil	189.990	303.980
Madhya Pradesh	387.820	437.820	846.360	1672.000
Maharashtra	Nil	324.915	568.820	893.735
Manipur	217.315	234.630	17.315	469.260
Meghalaya	51.880	125.940	12.970	190.790
Mizoram	87.780	43.890	173.385	305.055
Nagaland	238.430	238.430	164.375	641.235
Orissa	104.610	104.610	52.305	261.525
Punjab	284.650	42.325	42.325	369.300
Rajasthan	154.920	77.460	Nil	232.380
Sikkim	43.015	8.610	Nil	51.625

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Name of State	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	Grand Total
Tamil Nadu	296.850	321.750	163.960	782.560
Tripura	246.530	23.265	177.795	447.590
Uttar Pradesh	626.300	436.300	951.065	2010.665
West Bengal	174.770	87.385	761.500	1023.655
TOTAL:	5750.000	5000.000	7200.000	17950.000

Bifurcation of States

1200. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of demands pending for consideration of the Government for bifurcation of various States in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present stand taken by the Government on each of such demand;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the demand for re-organisation of the Jammu and Kashmir State;

(d) whether Government have considered this demand; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Demands have been received for creation of separate States of Telengana in Andhra Pradesh, Vidarbha in Maharashtra, Poorvanchal in Uttar Pradesh, Paschim Pradesh in Uttar Pradesh, Harith Pradesh in Uttar Pradesh, Bundelkhand in Uttar Pradesh/Madhya Pradesh. Saurashtra in Gujarat, Koshal in Orissa, Coorg in Karnataka, Bodoland in Assam and Gorkhaland in West Bengal. The Government is, however, not considering any demand for bifurcation of any State, at present.

(c) to (e) Some voices have been raised in this regard. However, no such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Review of Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council Accord

1201. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of West Bengal has sent certain recommendations for review of Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council Accord; and

(b) if so, the details of recommendations?